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SUBJECT:14TH INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON CONSERVATION OF
YELLOWFIN TUNA

1. HOST GOVERNMENTS OF ADDRESSEE POSTS ARE EITHER MEMBERS
OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS OF INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA
COMMISSION OR HAVE BEEN INVITED BY COMMISSION TO SEND
OBSERVERS TO COMMISSION ANNUAL MEETING AT WASHINGTON
NOVEMBER 12-16, BECAUSE THEY HAVE FLAG VESSELS ENGAGED IN
EASTERN TROPICAL PACIFIC TUNA FISHERY OR ARE BELIEVED TO
HAVE PLANS TO ENTER FISHERY IN NEAR FUTURE. CANADA, MEXICO,
U.S., COSTA RICA, PANAMA, JAPAN AND FRANCE ARE MEMBERS.
SPAIN AND NICARAGUA ARE WELL ALONG IN PROCESS OF ADHERENCE.
OTHERS NAMED IN ADDRESS PARTICIPATE IN SOME DEGREE IN
FISHERY, EXCEPT EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA WHICH HAVE ONLY
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PLANS. PARTICIPATION OF BERMUDA AND NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

(AND TO CONSIDERABLE EXTENT PANAMA) IS SIMPLY AS FLAG OF CONVENIENCE STATE.

2. SINCE EARLY 1960'S, WHEN COMMISSION BEGAN TO RECOGNIZE NEED TO LIMIT YELLOWFIN TUNA CATCH FOR CONSERVATION OF STOCK, IATTC ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING ON CONSERVATION OF YELLOWFIN TUNA, WHICH IS CONVENED BY GOVERNMENT HOSTING ANNUAL MEETING. INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING IS EXTREMELY AD HOC, WITHOUT WRITTEN CHARTER OR RULES OF PROCEDURE, BUT IS ATTENDED BY DULY ACCREDITED DELEGATIONS ON WHICH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RATHER THAN IATTC COMMISSIONERS ARE SPOKESMEN. ORIGINALLY ONLY PURPOSE OF MEETING WAS TO OBTAIN ASSURANCES OF INTENTION OF PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT CONSERVATION MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSION. IN RECENT YEARS SCOPE OF MEETING HAS BROADENED TO DEAL WITH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF TUNA FISHERY WHICH ARE BEYOND STRICTLY CONSERVATION TERMS OF REFERENCE OF COMMISSION. PRESENT SITUATION IS THAT MEETING IN FACT DETERMINES ON WHAT TERMS, SUCH AS SPECIAL CATCH ALLOCATIONS, GOVERNMENTS WILL AGREE TO CARRY OUT CONSERVATION MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSION SCIENTIFIC STAFF. MEETING'S DECISION IS THEN GIVEN LEGAL IMPRIMA-TUR BY COMMISSION.

3. IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRACTICE AND IN LIGHT OF ACTUAL INVOLVEMENT OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES IN FISHERY, IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO INVITE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF IATTC PLUS SPAIN, NICARAGUA, COLOMBIA, CHILE, PERU, AND ECUADOR TO SEND ACCREDITED DELEGATES AND ASK OTHER ADDRESSEE HOST GOVERNMENTS TO SEND OBSERVERS. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO ISSUE INVITATIONS AS INDICATED. MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AREA OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND IF USUAL PATTERN IS FOLLOWED SESSIONS WILL OCCUPY MOST OF WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12-16, BETWEEN OPENING AND CLOSING SESSIONS OF IATTC. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF POSSIBLE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE NAMES AND IDENTITIES OF PERSONS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE.

4. USG, AS HOST, PLANS TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING: 1. OPENING OF MEETING BY PROVISIONAL CHAIRMAN; 2. APPOINTMENT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE; 3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS; 4. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK; 5. EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE IATTC FOR 1973 AND CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COOPERATION TO IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT OF CONSERVATION MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE IATTC; 6. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF

THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE IATTC FOR 1974; 7. CONSIDERATION OF MEASURES FOR MINIMIZING HARM TO MARINE MAMMALS IN THE COURSE OF TUNA FISHING; 9. OTHER BUSINESS; 10. ADJOURNMENT.

5. IF ASKED ABOUT NOVEL ITEMS ON THIS LARGELY TRADITIONAL AGENDA, POST MAY EXPLAIN THAT (1) US PLANS TO PROPOSE AT MEETING SCHEME FOR COOPERATIVE ENFORCEMENT OF YELLOWFIN TUNA CLOSED SEASON, DRAFT OF WHICH WILL BE CIRCULATED FOR STUDY BEFORE MEETING, AND (2) BY TIME OF MEETING MAY HAVE PROMULGATED REGULATIONS, TO TAKE EFFECT NEXT SPRING, THAT WILL REQUIRE US TUNA FISHERMEN TO MAKE SPECIFIED MODIFICATIONS TO PURSE SEINES AND FISHING TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO SAVE PORPOISES. IMPORTED TUNA MAY BE SUBJECT TO SAME CONDITIONS (SEE DEPARTMENT'S CIRCULAR AIRGRAM A-12024 OF DECEMBER 12, 1972), AND MARINE MAMMALS PROTECTION ACT OF 1972 REQUIRES USG TO ATTEMPT THROUGH IATTC TO PERSUADE OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE MEASURES TO SAVE PORPOISES IN TUNA SEINING. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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